

(e) The MRTP Commission is empowered to punish for contempt under section 13-B of the MRTP Act, 1969. The number of cases disposed of by the Commission under this Section during the last three years are as under:

Year	No. of cases disposed of
1998	80
1999	33
2000	14

Policy regarding utilization of Disinvestment Fund

†1999. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fixed policy has been formulated by Government regarding the utilization of funds received through disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to earmark any fixed amount, out of that fund, to be used for developmental schemes of various sectors like education, health and public amenities etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been clearly stated in the budget speech for the year 2000-01 that the entire receipt from disinvestment and privatisation will be used for meeting expenditure in social sectors, restructuring of PSUs and retiring public debt.

(c) The disinvestment proceeds are deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) like any other receipt of the Government of India. The expenditure out of the CFI include outlays for restructuring of public sector enterprises, social sectors like education, health and family welfare etc. As mentioned by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for the year 2001-2002, out of the estimated receipt of Rs. 12,000 crore from disinvestment during 2001-2002, an amount of Rs. 7000 crore will be used for providing restructuring assistance to PSUs, safety net to workers and reduction of debt burden. Contingent upon realisation of the anticipated receipt of Rs. 12,000 crore, a sum of Rs. 5,000 crore will be used to provide additional budgetary support for the Plan primarily in the social and infrastructure sectors.

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